

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Endowments Department – Technical Advisory Committee – Soundness and Safety of important temple structures - Remedial measures to be suggested – Constituted – Orders – Issued

REVENUE (ENDOWMENTS.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 796

Dated 31-05-2010

Read:

Note of the Chief Engineer, O/o. the Commissioner of Endowments Department, A.P., Hyderabad dated 31-05-2010.

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ORDER:-

In the reference read above, the Chief Engineer, Endowments Department has furnished a proposal stating that the Endowments Department is administering 19 Major Temples and 37,000 other temples, out of which some temples are more than 400 years old. He has also informed that residential and commercial structures are coming up within the vicinity of the historical and important temple structures, causing damage to the foundations of temple structures. Recently, the Vijayagopuram, reported to have been constructed by Sri Krishnadevaraya in 1516 at Srikalahasthi, has collapsed on 26th May, 2010.

2. Due to the recent collapse of Vijayagopuram at Srikalahasthi and also unsafe and unsound temple structures existing in a few areas in the State, it is felt desirable to depute a Committee of Technical experts to go round all the major and important temples in the State to assess their structural safety and soundness and suggest remedial measures if required.

3. Keeping the circumstances in view, Government after careful examination of the matter in detail hereby constitute a Committee with the following members:

- 1) Sri R.Kondala Rao, Engineer-in-Chief (Retired), Panchayat Raj Department, Hyderabad;
- 2) Sri S.Narasimha Rao, Retired Professor, IIT, Chennai;
- 3) Sri C.V.R.Murthy, Professor, IIT, Hyderabad;
- 4) Sri Murahari Reddy, Engineer-in-Chief (Retired), Roads & Buildings Department, Hyderabad;
- 5) Chief Engineer, Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam, Tirupati;
- 6) Sri A.Velu, Sthapathy of Endowments Department, Hyderabad; and
- 7) The Chief Engineer, Endowments Department, Hyderabad – Member Convenor.

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4. The Committee, thus constituted, will consult the local District Administration, local temple authorities, State Archaeology, Archaeological Survey of India authorities, Agama Pandits and Peetadhipathis as and when required, as the case may be. It will also study and recommend with reference to the reconstruction work to be taken up for the collapsed Vijayagopuram at Srikalahasthi. The Committee will visit and look into the details of all the major and important temple structures on war-footing basis and submit its report within a period of three months.

5. Sri A.Velu, Sthapathy will continue to be the Member of the Committee even after his superannuation.

6. The Committee will start its functioning from 2nd June 2010 onwards.

7. The Commissioner, Endowments Department, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad shall take necessary action, accordingly.

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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